

### CONTEXT

- Since 1996, political instability and intercommunal violence have driven thousands of people from Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to seek shelter in neighboring Tanzania. As of late July, over 80 percent of the more than 253,000 refugees sheltering in Tanzania were residing in Mtendeli, Nduta, and Nyarugusu refugee camps in Tanzania's Kigoma Region, according to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
- Most refugees residing in the Mtendeli, Nduta, and Nyarugusu remain reliant on humanitarian assistance from the UN World Food Program (WFP) and other relief actors to meet basic needs, as the Government of Tanzania (GoT) encourages refugee repatriation and prohibits refugees from leaving the camps in search of livelihood opportunities. In recent years, the GoT has also closed markets and restricted agricultural activity in and around the camps, further restricting livelihoods. Despite the refugee population's reliance on humanitarian assistance, logistical cost increases and reduced funding have forced WFP to implement ration cuts to refugee populations in the three main camps in recent months.



### ASSISTANCE

- With more than \$16 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 support from USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA), WFP is providing emergency food assistance through monthly in-kind food distributions—including cereals, fortified vegetable oil, and salt—to an estimated 235,000 refugees in the Mtendeli, Nduta, and Nyarugusu camps. USAID/BHA is the largest donor to WFP's support to refugees in Tanzania, according to the UN agency.
- WFP also provides nutrition assistance—including specialized nutrition commodities—to children ages five years and younger, pregnant and lactating women, and other vulnerable groups to prevent and treat wasting, the deadliest form of malnutrition. As of August, WFP provides nutrition assistance to an estimated 50,000 individuals in the Mtendeli, Nduta, and Nyarugusu refugee camps.

USAID/BHA Funding in Tanzania <sup>1</sup>			
	Emergency <sup>2</sup>	ER4	TOTAL
FY 2020	\$15,956,155	—	\$15,956,155
FY 2021	\$16,089,975	—	\$16,089,975

<sup>1</sup> Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of September 2, 2021. Totals include estimated value of food assistance and transportation costs at time of procurement; subject to change.

<sup>2</sup> Includes funding for programs that integrate ER4 activities with emergency response.